

III. REMARKS

As discussed further below, Applicant believes that, in view of the claims amended and cancelled herein, all claims pending in the application are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejection under 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 5-7, 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Estay in view of Jones et al. and Bovee.

Allowed and Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9, 12-17, 20, 21, 23 and 24 were allowed in the Office Action.

Claims 2, 3 and 22 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Claim Rejections

Applicant again thanks the Examiner for indication of allowance and allowability of the above-noted claims.

In response to the rejection of claims, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 18 to include the limitation of previously objected to but now cancelled claim 22 concerning the twisted-wire configuration and the ends of the extension members.

Claims 1, 5 and 18 have been further amended to delete limitations that Applicant does not believe are necessary in view of the new limitation added to the claims.

Therefore, Applicant believes that all claims pending and under examination in the application are allowable and anticipates receiving a notice of allowability in this application. Applicant also thanks the examiner for assistance in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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